



- ❖ Counts are preliminary and may increase as additional data are received.
- ❖ As additional data become available, cases classified as "Under Investigation" will be reclassified as "Heat Caused" or "Heat Related", or ruled out.

**Heat Caused (HC):** Cases that mention heat or heat exposure in Part I of the death certificate causes of death (diseases or conditions in the direct sequence causing death), for variables *cod\_a*, *cod\_b*, *cod\_c*, or *cod\_d*. County of death: Maricopa.

**Heat Related (HR):** Cases that mention heat exposure in Part II of the death certificate causes of death (diseases and conditions contributing but not directly resulting in the death sequence), but not in any of the Part I variables (*cod\_a*, *cod\_b*, *cod\_c*, or *cod\_d*). County of death: Maricopa.

Data Sources: Maricopa County Office of Vital Registration, Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner.

Because the Vital Registration has just migrated to a new electronic system current death certificate information is not available. This report is preliminary and potentially does not include all confirmed deaths.

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